

REMARKS

The above-referenced patent application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action, mailed **October 17, 2006** ("the Action"). In that Action the specification was objected to due to informalities, claims 1-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite, and claims 19-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Current Status of Claims:

With this amendment, claims 1-27 remain pending. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 13, 15 and 19-27 have been amended as presented above. No new matter has been introduced.

Objection to Specification:

On page 2 of the Action, the specification was objected to based on informalities surrounding the use of the term "machine-readable medium" and its association with intangible media. Applicants disagree with this objection. However, to expedite allowance of this application, Applicants have amended the specification as presented above. Those amendments indicate that "machine-readable medium" includes two types of mediums, a "computer-readable medium" and a "communication medium." A "computer-readable medium" includes storage (e.g., types of memory devices) and a "communication medium" includes propagated signals (e.g., carrier, infrared or digital signals). Applicants submit that this is an appropriate correction to the specification since claims 19-27 have been amended to claim a "computer-readable medium" rather than a "machine-readable medium."

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph:

On page 2 of the Action, claims 1-27 were rejected for "failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention." Applicants thank the Examiner for providing suggestions on amending certain claims. Applicants have amended those claims based substantially on those suggestions. Therefore Applicants request that the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejections of claims 1-27 be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101:

On pages 4 and 5 of the Action, claims 19-27 were rejected "because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter." Although Applicants respectfully disagree with this assertion, in order to expedite allowance of this Application, the preamble to claims 19-27 has been amended. These claims now include the term "computer-readable medium." As mentioned above, the specification has been amended to indicate that this type of medium includes storage (e.g., types of memory devices). See amendments for paragraph [00022]. Thus, Applicants request that the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejections of claims 19-27 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

Applicants would like to again thank the Examiner for the suggestions to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and also to thank the Examiner for recognizing allowable subject matter for claims 1-18 should those claims be amended. See Action, page 5. The amendments to the preamble of claims 19-27 should also overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 101 rejections for those claims. As a result, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-27 are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited. *The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.*

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